

BLUES LEAD TWICE BUT CAN ONLY DRAW

By MIKE ALLEN Dulwich Hamlet 2, Wycombe Wanderers 2

WYCOMBE twice held the lead at Dulwich on Saturday but still came away from the ground looking for their first Berger Isthmian League win of the season following a 2-2 draw.

George Borg had a mixed day back at his old club for the first time since being transferred towards the end of last season. He was booked for the third time in three matches, and so will be made to suffer under Manager Mike Keen's new disciplinary rules for bookings and sending's off. As well as that he set up the second goal with a deep free-kick.

It took the referee just three minutes to get a name into his book. The unfortunate victim was Howard Kennedy who appeared to be hit on the arm as a pass was made. But the referee decided it deserved a yellow card.

The first half was a very scrappy affair although it produced two goals. The first came in the 29th minute when Gary Toll, making his first appearance in the side

and now permanently back in Britain, was brought down in the penalty area by Chris Lewington. Kennedy slotted the ball home from the spot sending the keeper the wrong way.

Toll was involved in a fine piece of play eight minutes later. He picked the ball up on half way, ran to the edge of the Dulwich area before playing a one-two with Tony Price. But he caught the Dulwich defence so much by surprise that no-one even tried to chase him and by the time Price had given the return Toll was off-side.

Then on the stroke of half time Dulwich made it 1-1. Ossie Bayram, about four yards from goal was given time to juggle with the ball before scoring with an overhead kick.

Wycombe came out in the second half looking convinc-

ing they could win the match. Toll beat the off-side trap only to shoot high and wide and then his back heel was hit wide by Terry Glynn. Finally Blues went ahead again in the 54th minute.

A free kick on the left by Borg was sent deep into the Dulwich area. Toll flicked it on and Bob Davies was there to head into the top right hand corner for his first goal since returning to the club.

Borg found his name going into the book in the 65th minute when he brought down Gary Allen, Dulwich's new striker from Carshalton.

Seven minutes later there was a dramatic goal. A throw-in was given on the Dulwich left, and the Dulwich bench tried to catch the attention of the referee to allow them to make a substitution.

Unfortunately for

Wycombe they failed to catch Mr Richardson's eye and Tony James, who was to be replaced, equalised in the scramble that followed the throw.

After 80 minutes James was brought off, as was the tiring Gary Toll, who having played a fine game was replaced by Paul Miles.

In the closing minutes Wycombe came under pressure but held out to gain a well deserved draw, they should possibly have won having twice held the lead.

Dulwich: S. Bowtell, M. Denton, P. Edwards, T. Eames, M. Lewis, M. Coates, C. Lewington, T. James, (sub D. Barrett 80 mins), K. Connett, G. Allen, O. Bayram.

Wycombe Wanderers: G. Lester, P. Birdseye, G. Borg, R. Davies, K. Mead, B. Dell, G. Toll (sub P. Miles 80 mins), H. Kennedy, T. Glynn, T. Price, M. Hollifield.

Referee: Mr M. G. Richardson (Chislehurst).

Half-time: 1-1. Scorers — Dulwich: Bayram 45 mins, James 72 mins. Wycombe: Kennedy (pen) 29 mins, Davies 54 mins.

Harlow win award

HARLOW Town, last season's FA cup giant killers, were among the six award winners announced last week in the Rothman's football year book for 1980/81. Harlow reached the fourth round last year after defeating Leicester City.

The awards are made by Rothmans of Pall Mall for "a worthwhile contribution to the wide spectrum of the game."

Meanwhile a relaid running track has forced Harlow Town off their ground until early October, and has caused the Berger Isthmian League club severe problems because they have been refused permission by the League to switch their fixtures.

A new all-weather track is being laid round the pitch at the Harlow Sports Centre and the ground will not be fit for football until October 7.

Meanwhile Harlow have home games against Bromley, Harrow Borough and Wycombe Wanderers. They must forfeit ground advantage to Bromley and will play the other two fixtures on Epping Town's ground. Manager Ian Wolstenholme said: "The work at the ground should have been done in June and the delay is not the club's fault."

"The league have refused us permission to switch fixtures although the clubs concerned had agreed. This means we will have to pay for the use of the other grounds and will lose our bar-takings and the benefit of other match day money raising activities."

"On the opening day of the season we swapped venues with Sutton as their ground wasn't ready and one of the linesmen's expenses came to £18 because he had travelled from Fleet in Hampshire. This is proving a costly business to the club through no fault of our own."

Blues out

WYCOMBE went out of the Hitachi League Cup on Monday when they lost 2-1 at Hayes. Terry Glynn gave Blues a 1-0 lead after just three minutes, but Hayes came back to equalise before half-time and scored the winner from the penalty spot after the break. Full report in Friday's Free Press.

BERGER ISTHMIAN LEAGUE Premier Division (up to August 23).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hitchin Town	3	2	1	0	7	1	7
Enfield	3	2	1	0	5	3	7
Tooting	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
Leytonstone & L.	3	2	0	1	6	4	6
Staines	3	1	2	0	5	2	5
Slough	3	2	1	0	6	3	5
Harrow	3	1	2	0	6	4	5
Bromley	3	1	2	0	4	3	5
Hendon	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Walthamstow	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Barking	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
Sutton	3	1	1	1	4	5	4
Boreham Wood	3	1	1	1	3	5	4
Dulwich	3	0	3	0	5	5	3
Leatherhead	3	0	3	0	2	3	3
Carshalton	3	1	0	2	2	6	3
Dagenham	3	0	2	1	7	9	2
Harlow	3	0	2	1	3	4	2
Croydon	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Wycombe	3	0	2	1	3	5	2
Hayes	3	0	1	2	0	2	1
Woking	3	0	0	3	2	6	0